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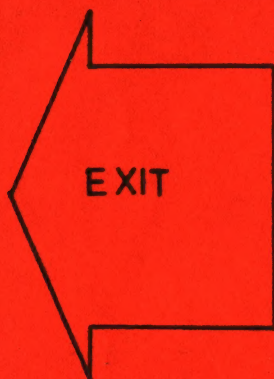


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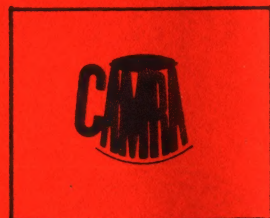


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## INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the First Ipswich Beer Festival organised by the Suffolk Branch of the Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA) in conjunction with the Ipswich Borough Council Recreation and Amenities Department.

The purpose of the festival is to exhibit as full a range of beers as is possible. It has, therefore been our intention firstly, to feature not only the locally-brewed beers but also some of the classic brews from further afield. Secondly, we have supported the small independent breweries that are springing up in ever-increasing numbers as well as the national combines which control more than half of the country's pubs between them.

We are very fortunate in Suffolk in that three of our four independent breweries own more than half of the pubs in the county and this helps keep prices reasonably low. It does however mean that we are not 'blessed' with a vast number of free houses which are able to bring to the county's drinkers the wide range of real ales that are available - generally at a price - in neighbouring counties, but the majority of the beers on sale here are obtainable somewhere in the county.

The beers include milds, bitters and strong bitter beers, the occasional 'head-banger' as well as traditional ciders. The beers are all 'real living' beers which are not filtered, pasteurised or pressurised. They are all naturally conditioned in the cask and will be served 'without the assistance of applied gas under pressure', that is, in a way which is in accord with CAMRA policy and which we regard as desirable.

At this Festival you will find stalls exhibiting CAMRA and brewery products. For the first time, in our knowledge at a festival such as this, there is a separate bar supplying soft drinks and wines. There is also a range of food available, this being supplied by the courtesy of the Corn Exchange Catering Department.

Finally please remember that we are all amateurs in the matter of organising this festival which has absorbed the energies and spare time, including annual holidays, of all those members of CAMRA who have volunteered to run it. We have attempted to mount an enjoyable, interesting informative and organised 'real ale' festival and whilst we apologise for any short-comings that may be apparent, we ask that it be remembered that we are not landlords or professional publicists.

Suffolk CAMRA Beer Festival Committee

## BREWERS AND THEIR EXHIBITED BEERS

**ADNAMS.** Sole Bay Brewery, Southwold, Suffolk

**Mild** (1032) very dark and flavoursome

**Bitter** (1036) distinctively flavoured and well-hopped

Adnams beers are served only as 'real ale' in all its 62 pubs in the county as well as being widely available in the free trade.

**BASS plc**, 30 Portland Place, London W1N 3DF

**Draught Bass** (1044) Once brewed by a unique Burton brewing process known as 'unions', it is now sadly only a shadow of its former self. For many years it was the only national real ale.

**Springfield Bitter** (1037) A light, sweet refreshing bitter brewed at Mitchell and Butlers brewery in Wolverhampton. Now receiving national promotion.

Bass is Britain's biggest brewing group with 7800 pubs but has only four outlets in this county of which half are real.

**GEORGE BATEMAN & SONS.** Salem Bridge, Brewery, Wainfleet, Skegness Lincs

**Mild** (1032) a smooth creamy dark mild

**XB** (1037) a distinctive malty and well-hopped bitter

**XXXB** (1048) a heavy malty ale

Nearly all of the 104 tied houses sell these 'good honest ales' without the use of pressure and they are becoming more readily available to the free trade but not in this county

**BRIGHTLINGSEA BREWERY**, 2 Jubilee End, Lawford, Manningtree, Essex

**Brightlingsea Bitter** (1037) a well hopped bitter

Begun in Sept. '82 by Paul Janssens, it was the first of the new wave of 'pint-sized' breweries to become available in the south of the county

**BURTON BRIDGE BREWERY**, Bridge Street, Burton on Trent, Staffs

**IPA** (1036) a hoppy pale ale

**Festival** (1055) a strong brew

Begun in May '82 by former Ind Coope men Geoff Mumford and Bruce Wilkinson now producing 30 barrels a week for the free trade. No known outlets.

**J.W. CAMERON**, Lion Brewery, Hartlepool, Cleveland.

**Best Bitter** (1036) a tasty hoppy brew

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Like Tolly Cobbold currently a subsidiary of Ellerman Lines Ltd., Cameron owns about 700 pubs in the North-East of England of which half sells real ale. Not generally available in draught form in this county.

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## WHAT IS REAL ALE ?

What does the term real ale mean to you ? Does it conjour up visions of exotic rare beer, with the strength to make your toenails curl ? Or do you see it as something often mentioned, never seen and only drunk by a few. Alternatively you may not have a clue what real ale is. However, if you are not sure what real ale is, read on.

Basically, real ale is ordinary beer as it should be. Nothing more, nothing less. It is beer which is brewed traditionally (that is to say normally) and then left to continue the brewing process in the cask and finally served either by hand-pumps, straight from the barrel or rarely by electric pump.

Possibly you may have the impression that real ale is strong. Well, some brews are very strong but this is not necessarily the case. All the Suffolk brewed milds are real ales in every sense (that is unless they are served by the use of gas, of course). Adnams bitter for instance has an original gravity of 1036, which seems to be about the norm for a bitter.

The price charges for real ale tend to vary, as do prices for all drinks in pubs, but there is no reason why some pubs charge considerably more than need be and justify this by saying 'Oh, that's real ale'. Don't be fooled by unscrupulous licensees who thankfully are a small minority. Incidentally at the time of writing, all locally brewed ordinary bitters are available for under sixty pence a pint although you may have difficulty finding a pint of Tolly's for that price.

This is a purposely brief description of real ale, but I hope that it will be of some use and clear up a few myths. If you would like to know more about real ale or CAMRA then either write to the address on the inside of the front cover or turn up at one of our meetings or events as advertised on the same page and make yourself known.



## **NEWSLETTER OF THE SUFFOLK BRANCH OF CAMRA – THE CAMPAIGN FOR REAL ALE LTD.**

CAMRA is a voluntary organisation run by beer drinkers for beer drinkers. We believe that beer in its traditional form – kept in casks and served without gas pressure is not only better tasting, but it is usually cheaper than heavily advertised kegs and lagers. We don't want to tell you what to drink (though we hope you will give real ale a try) – CAMRA stands for choice for everyone.

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### **DIARY DATES**

#### **September**

Thursday 8th – 10th Normal Pub opening hours. First Suffolk Beer Festival at the Ipswich Corn Exchange Main Hall, organised in conjunction with the Ipswich Borough Council Recreation and Amenities Department. If you are a beer drinker but not at the festival you will have to put up with other beer drinkers telling you about it.

Friday 16th – 7.00pm Crush in at the Woolpack Ipswich. Last record was 41 people standing with two feet on the floor and a glass in hand. The front bar is now smaller however.

Saturday 17th – 10.30am. Cyc'ale to the Brett Valley from the Rougham Royal Oak, onto the Cockfield Plough and Fleece, Felsham Six Bells and Hitcham White Horse.

Friday 23rd – 8.00pm Meet for Cyc'ale at the Blakenham Chequers to call in on the Bramford Angel and look also at the Claydon Greyhound and Crown.

Sunday 25th – Social and Pub Games evening at the Spread Eagle, Ipswich

Friday 30th – Mid Suffolk Social at the Forward Green Shepherd and Dog, moving on to the Mendlesham Fleece.

#### **October**

Sunday 2nd – Social and Pub Games evening at the Arboretum Ipswich

Wednesday 5th – Committee meeting at the Steamboat, Ipswich

Wednesday 12th – Branch meeting at the Old Times Ipswich 8.00pm

Saturday 15th – 8.30pm Pub Games evening and Social at the Icklingham Plough

Friday 21st – 8.00pm Cyc'ale from the Barham Sorrel Horse to the Coddtenham Dukes Head, Henley Cross Keys and Westerfield Swan

#### **November**

Wednesday 2nd – Committee meeting at the Water Lily, Ipswich

Sunday 6th – 12 noon Conker match at the Dove Ipswich. K.O. competition with conkers supplied plus a doctored conker competition against last years best.

## TRADITIONAL PUB GAME REVIVAL IN IPSWICH & DISTRICT

It seems that at last some people are getting fed up with going to the local and finding that all there is to do, once conversation dries up, is feed what should be the beer tokens into nudge machines and micro chip wonders. ((wonders what do you do and how do you win)).

There has always been darts but in a lot of pubs this has turned from a pub sport into a cross country trophy hunt, and always on the 1-20 board. There are still leagues playing on the Suffolk 5's board but in so many pubs its the 1-20 board always on the wall and the 5's board laying redundant. Going back just a few years, in half the Ipswich pubs it was the other way round. 1-20 darts may be played on the Telly and may be more skilful than the Suffolk traditional board but lets not see the 5's board disappear, and if you want more difficult and different darts boards why not try the Manchester log end board.

As well as the darts leagues what else could you have played in a league this winter? What leagues will be played next winter?

Crib - There are three leagues in and around Ipswich. The club league and Canada Dry leagues operate on Tuesday nights and a Tolly league on Wednesday nights.

Dominoes - Seven teams played in this emerging Ipswich league in 1982/83 on Wednesday nights. If any pub or club wish to play next winter,

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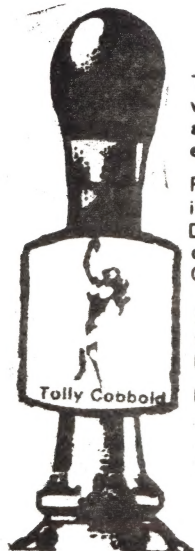
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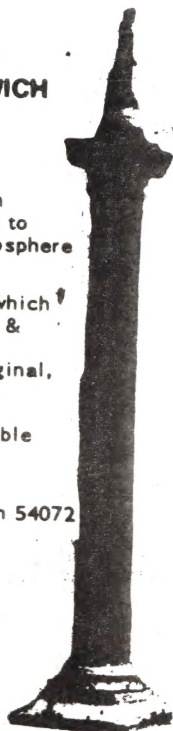
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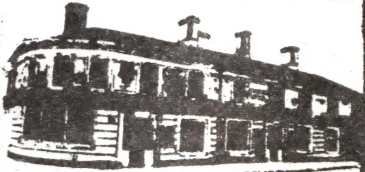


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## ON THE HOPBINE

Its good to hear from people about the county. Keep writing in with pub news.

### LONG MELFORD PUB NEWS by Tom Mack

**Long Melford** – The Scutchers Arms (Greene King) – new tenants here are Keith & Val Ingleton. Originally from Essex this is their first venture 'behind the bar' and no great changes are planned.

**Long Melford** – The Cock and Bell (Charrington) now has Springfield Bitter on hand-pump replacing Crown Bitter. Springfield has also been installed at another Charring-ton house at Gt Cornard, but is on top pressure.

**Long Melford** – The George and Dragon (Greene King) – by popular demand XX Mild has now re-appeared here on handpump.

**Long Melford** – The Crown Free, which has been featured in the G.B.G. for several years, now has breather valves installed which means, unfortunately that it will be left out of the next guide to fall in line with national CAMRA policy.



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## **ALL CHANGE IN THE BRETT VALLEY YET AGAIN by Vic Atwood**

After a reasonably stable two years its now all change time again, so I'll bring you all up to date as best I can, starting close to home and working outwards :-

**Hitcham** Pete and Chris have taken over the White Horse. He is keen to put hand-pumps in after the brewery have installed a temperature control unit in the cellar. He plans one or two minor improvements to the bars in the near future and also planned for next season are Quoit beds. Extensive menu and dry humour can be expected with your beer but unfortunately, at the moment you still have to ask for your (Real) Vicmethod.

P.S. Pete and Chris hail from my home county (Good ere in't it)

**Gt. Finborough** - the Chestnut Horse (Greene King), just up the road, has changed hands. Sorry, no details at the moment, except that its still Fizz and there are no plans for handpumps.

**Monks Eleigh** - Ind Coope have given up the struggle to keep The Swan open. It was put on the market with its licence, last month, but there are no plans for re-opening at the moment. No change at Monks Eleigh Bull.

**Lindsey** - Grace has left the Red Rose but as yet I am unable to trace her whereabouts. Perhaps someone may like to write to a Branch contact with some more info.

The Red Rose won the Tri-pub games, shove ha'penny and shut the box, beating the Hitcham White Horse and the Bildeston Red Lion by an eleven point margin.

**Kersey** - The Bell (Free - formerly Ind Coope) is now being run by Geoff Slater. He is carrying on the inn's tradition for good food to which he has now added good beer in the shape of Mauldons Bitter, Adnams Bitter and Greene King Abbot, all on handpump. Geoff is a member of the caravan club.

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This new method of dispensing beer simply lets CO2 into a cask at whatever the atmospheric pressure is. It means that the beer keeps longer but it should not kill the beer off and it seems to be impossible to taste the difference between cask-breather valve beer & handpumped beer. At the last Camra AGM a recommendation to accept the cask-breather valve as a real beer dispense method was voted down. Therefore A PUB WITH CASK BREATHER VALVE DISPENSE CANNOT GO INTO THE NATIONAL GOOD BEER GUIDE.

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## SUFFOLK BEER GUIDE

Unfortunately, the long awaited local beer guide did not get published last year, but maybe out later this year. Meanwhile our man in Mid-Suffolk has had printed a list of all known pubs selling real ale in the County. It is very little more than a list giving only the name of the town/village, the name of the pub and the brewery, but at twenty five pence a copy represents excellent value for money.

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## ON THE HOPBINE (continued)

**Cockfield Plough & Fleece** – John and Carolyn Conway have been serving fine pints of Greene King Mild, Bitter and Abbot for sometime now and the pub is well worth a visit.

**Weybread** – Crown – Murray and Betty Robinson have been the new management for a year now and after much refurbishing they are welcoming back old friends and new customers. It is now a freehouse selling Greene King, Adnams and Ind Coope beers.

**North Cove Horseshoes** – (Norwich) – after many alterations Bullards Mild and Websters Bitter are now on sale.

**Needham Market** (Barking) Lion (Tolly) has reopened after internal changes. Bitter and Original are retained on handpump.

**Ipswich Haven Hotel** has the Springfield Bitter on sale.

**Ipswich Blooming Fuchsia** (Ind Coope) has been refurbished and now sells Burton again. Jack is also hoping to install a new shove ha'penny board for this winters shove ha'penny league.

**Sudbury Wagon & Horses** – the pub has now re-opened and no doubt Tom Mack will give us details of any developments.

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## **PUB NEWS FROM THE HAVERHILL BRANCH**

**Clare Globe** (Greene King) – after five years of being closed the pub is open with the landlord of the Red Lion in charge. What will now happen at the Red Lion?

**Clare Rose & Crown**, closed down when Adnams bought the Cock from Charringtons, has now re-opened as a freehouse serving Adnams and called 'The Seafarer'. It will specialise in Sea-food bar snacks?!

**Clare Bell** now serves Mauldons Bitter, Adnams Bitter and Springfield.

**Haverhill Queens Head** (Free) is selling Springfield instead of Adnams Mild.

**Withersfield White Horse** (Free) is selling Springfield.

**Withersfield Fox** (Greene King) was selling Abbot on gravity but has changed hands.

**Newmarket Cherry Tree** (Tolly) – about a year ago Original was introduced on hand-pump. Now they are also serving Bitter & Mild on handpump and this makes it the only real Mild outlet in Newmarket.

**Elveden The Elveden Inn** (Free) now has Adnams on handpump.



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2. Oh to 'B' near here (6,4)
4. Blooming in 3 Down (4)
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8. His witching hour has arrived (3)
12. & 7 Down. What we all stand for (4,3)
13. They all went in two by two (4,2,4)
14. The enemy (3)
18. Rub at more than just a tree (9)
- 19 & 9 & 10 Down. He's out of this world (3,2,3,4)
- 20 The leader as per Rome (8)
- 21 He's jealous (5,3)
- 23 See 11 down
- 26 Beg three times (6,4)
- 28 Part of a peace offering (4)
- 32 A seasoned warmer (3)
- 33 Did Lucy Locket lose her egg here? (8,6)
- 36 A French chateau with limbs (5,4)
- 39 Aphrodisiac for 2 Down? (6)
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- 2 An aristocratic land lady (4,5)  
3 Was a civil war really fought here ? (7)  
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5 Wooded lake ? (8)  
6 See 12 across  
7 See 19 across  
8 & 23 across. Greaser men sin if  
they mix here (9,4)  
9 Besieged leader in town centre (7,6)  
10 We will ford via this ? (6)  
11 Sam's scope points the way ) (9)  
12 A flower to dance round ? (7)  
13 Leading light (4)  
14 14 across makes you.....!! (3)  
15 & 29 down. Slippery measurement (4,4)  
16 See 27 down  
17 Searches thoroughly for a village with  
three pubs (5)  
18 John Smith's is....?? (6)  
19 Regally paired with 4 Across (5)  
20 Golden...,Cross..., are solutions  
(4)  
21 Farmyard mascot in the city (3)  
22 Fred and Harry's namesake (3)

Send entry to the newsletter distribution manager, Steve Willett,  
5, Wroxham Road, Ipswich.

## MID- SUFFOLK RAMBLINGS

by Bill Baldry

It was a case of good news/bad news for Paul Algar of GISLINGHAM SIX BELLS in the recent national CAMRA Derby Draw. He drew a horse from the hat on the Monday and thought whoopee, at least £50!, but the horse was withdrawn before the start of the race so Paul unfortunately missed out. Also at Gislingham they have managed to raise £1000 for the Muscular Dystrophy fund with sports marathons. Paul too was a 'sport' – he stood in the stocks for an hour being pelted with wet sponges.

At FINNINGHAM WHITE HORSE, John & Jane Worledge have now brought a second handpump into use for the Tolly Bitter alongside the Original. The locals have enjoyed the change with Bitter sales up on the previous keg sales

STONHAM TEN BELLS (Tolly) is nearing completion of its very extensive alterations. These have resulted in there now being 7 handpumps in the 3 bars with Mild now available on handpump as well as the Bitter and Original. Along the A1120, at FORWARD GREEN, THE SHEPHERD AND DOG (Greene King) has been extended with a previously little used room being brought into use as a lounge bar.

A change that happened long ago, but that has never been noted in this newsletter, is the re-opening of RICKINGHAM WHITE HORSE (Norwich) with Websters on handpump and with Bullards Mild about to be introduced.

Debenham has seen a couple of changes recently – one to be regretted is the loss of Wethereds from the Angel due to Whitbread failing to fit the necessary equipment to keep the above ground cellar at the right temperature, and one to be welcomed is the re-opening of the WOOLPACK (Norwich) with Websters on handpump.

Norwich Brewery has closed over 35 pubs in Norfolk in the last 18 months, Suffolk has not fared so badly, but BARDWELL SIX BELLS is now closed. It did not sell real ale but the closure of any pub is to be regretted. Its future is not known at the time of writing but, as there are Norwich pubs nearby at STANTON and HONINGTON, I have doubts that it will be sold with a licence.

Good news from the Norwich empire is the fact that Websters is now available at HOXNE GRAPES. Also, STRADBROKE WHITE HART has re-opened with Andrew and Monica Burrell-Saward behind the bar, but I have not had the opportunity yet to check what real ales they have available.

Wearing my other hat as brewery liason officer with Adnams there is little to note but I hear tell that not everyone knows about Adnams pigs. Prompted by the fact that Marmite/Bovril no longer wanted the surplus brewers yeast for their products and the fact that Adnams had to pay good money to pour the waste down the drain, it was decided to set up a pig unit just outside Southwold about a year ago. The pigs are fed on a mixture from the bottom of the fermenting vessels, ullage beer and surplus yeast – locals say the

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## SUFFOLK REAL ALE GUIDE

If you are in Ipswich for the beer festival then welcome to the first Suffolk Beer Festival. I hope that you have found your visit worthwhile. Whilst a lot of hard work has gone into making the Festival a success, work is also underway on the Fourth Real Ale Guide for Suffolk, which contains basic details for all of the pubs in the county serving real ale.

To complete the Guide it is necessary to fill in a 'Pub Inspection Form' for each of the 958 pubs in Suffolk selling real ale. This is obviously very hard work.

This is why I am going to ask you to do me a big favour. As you were handed the Newsletter, you should also have received 3 blank Pub Inspection Forms and a list of the pubs still needing to be surveyed. Yes, that's right, the favour is to send me 3 filled in Pub Inspection Forms. Well 1 will be good, 3 fantastic. Please send them (I'm an optimist) to Rae Gardiner, c/o The Arboretum, or K. Bailey c/o Tolly Cobbold, Whitehouse Industrial Estate, Ipswich. There is no date to return these by, but obviously the sooner the better.

If your pub doesn't sell real ale, then I'm sorry to hear it, but I still would like to be informed. Once again on behalf of CAMRA I would like to thank you for your support at the Beer Festival, and for any forthcoming help with the Beer Guide.

Kevin Bailey

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**CROUCH VALE BREWERY** 12, Redhills Road, South Woodham Ferrers, Essex  
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**S.A.S (Strong Anglian Special)** (1048) as the name suggests.  
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**EVERARDS BREWERY LTD.**, Tiger Brewery, Burton-on-Trent, Staffs  
**Tiger** (1041) a tasty best bitter.  
**Old Original** (1050) a malty finely hopped ale.  
There was a slight difference of opinion between Everards and Tolly at the time of the launch of the latter's Original Bitter, the former claiming that it held the name registered. Fortunately, the dispute was solved amicably and the Staffordshire brew is available in several free houses in the county.

**GREENE KING & SONS**, Westgate Brewery, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk.  
**XX Mild** (1030.8) dry and dark  
**IPA** (1035) a full-bodied darkish bitter  
**Abbot Ale** (1048) a distinctive, well-balanced, prize-winning bitter.  
They dominate the western half of the county with over 200 pubs, unfortunately less than half sell real ale, but the number is slowly increasing. In the free trade these beers are invariably sold as real ale.

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Part of the Allied Breweries Group, Britain's biggest drinks group, which itself is a subsidiary of Allied Lyons. There are about 30 Ind Coope pubs in the south of the county and about three-quarters of them sell real ale.

**MARSTON, THOMPSON & EVERSHED** Shobnall Road, Burton-on-Trent, Staffs.  
**Mercian Mild** (1032) dark and fruity  
**Pedigree** (1043) a full-bodied smooth bitter  
**Merrie Monk** (1043) a powerful brew, described as but definitely not a mild  
**Owd Roger** (1080) dark, heavy and rich.  
The last user of the Burton 'union' brewing system, they produce a superb range of draught beers for their 700 pubs stretching from the Midlands to the South Coast. No pubs in this area but their beers are readily available to the free trade.

**MAULDONS BREWERY.** Unit 7, Addison Road, Sudbury, Suffolk.

**Bitter** (1037) a pale brew

**Porter** (1045) a strong, dark, bitter brew so-named because this sort of beer was once the favourite drink of London market porters.

Suffolk's latest brewery, beginning production in Dec. '82, but, in fact, a revival by Peter Mauldon, the great, great grandson of the 1795 originator.

Now producing 20 barrels a week for 35 free trade outlets along the Stour Valley.

**NORWICH BREWERY LTD..** Rouen Road, Norwich, Norfolk

**Bullards Mild** (1034) dark and very dry

**Norwich Castle Bitter** (1037) a well-balanced bitter with a chequered history

The East Anglian regional company of Watney Mann and Truman Brewers, turn is a subsidiary of Grand Metropolitan, Britains major leisure group. Once CAMRA's worst enemy, relations have improved over recent years with the introduction of new real ales into about half of the 130 houses that Norwich Brewery has in the northern half of the county.

**RAYMENT & Co. LTD..** Furneaux Pelham, Buntingford, Herts

**BBA** (1036) smooth, distinctive and refreshing.

A subsidiary of Greene King, but unfortunately not readily available except in their own North West Essex trading area where 17 of their 24 pubs sell real ale.

**T.D. RIDLEY & SONS (Brewers)** Hartford End, Chelmsford, Essex.

**P.A. (Bitter)** (1034) pleasant and lightly hopped.

All 65 pubs located in Central and North West Essex sell real ale.

Not available in this county except in the odd Truman houses which have reciprocal trading agreements.

**G. RUDDLE & CO.** The Brewery, Langham, Oakham, Rutland.

**Bitter** (1032) an excellent light bitter.

**County** (1050) a full-flavoured, sweetish bitter.

Although retaining only one tied house in order to concentrate on the free trade, these beers are unfortunately only seldom seen in this county.

**SAMUEL SMITH Old Brewery (Tadcaster) Ltd.** Tadcaster, N. Yorkshire

**Old Brewery Bitter** (1040.9) full-bodied and malty

Another brewery concentrating on the free trade but in this case still retaining several tied houses. Not known to be regularly on sale anywhere in Suffolk.

**TOLLEMACHE & COBBOLD Breweries,** Cliff Brewery, Ipswich, Suffolk.

**Mild** (1032) sweet and full-bodied.

**Bitter** (1034) subtle and pleasantly dry

**Original** (1041) a well-hopped flavoursome bitter

With some 210 pubs in Ipswich and East Suffolk, they dominate the area but three-quarters of them sell real ale and the number is increasing all the time

Currently a subsidiary of Ellerman Lines Ltd.



**TRUMAN LTD.** The Brewery, Brick Lane, London E1.

**Prize Mild (1034)** a tasty dark mild

**Bitter (1036)** full-flavoured

**Sampson Extra Strong (1055)** a powerful brew

A recent convert to the real ale cause, most of the 20 pubs in the south of the county sell cask-conditioned beer.

**THOS. WETHERED & SONS** High Street, Marlow, Bucks

**Wethered Bitter (1036.6)** a well-balanced bitter

A subsidiary company of the Whitbread Group. Whitbread has 58 pubs in the North-East part of the county (the old Lacons trading area) and some 30 of these sell this real ale.

**WOODFORDE'S** Norfolk Ales, Spread Eagle Brewery, Erpingham, Norfolk.

**Broadsman Bitter (1036)** full flavoured

**Wherry Best Bitter (1041)** pale and tasty

The first on the new mini-breweries in East Anglia, Ray Ashworth begun the brewing in April '81. The beers are available in some free houses in the Waveney Valley area.

#### **Draught Ciders**

**BULMERS** of Hereford are the world's largest cider producers with a wide range of keg and bottled varieties. Traditional draught is a proper West Country cider, roughly filtered and very strong which has recently received national promotion.

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## **BEER of the FESTIVAL**

OVERALL \_\_\_\_\_

MILD \_\_\_\_\_

BITTER(O.G.1041) \_\_\_\_\_

STRONG ALE \_\_\_\_\_





## The Strength of Beer

The Original Gravity (OG) is a measurement taken before fermentation of the amount of fermentable solids added to water to make beer. It is expressed in degrees and based on a gravity of 1000 for water – hence beer with an OG of 1036 has 36 parts of solid material to every 1000 parts of water. Excise duty is payable on gravity, so you can expect to pay more for a higher gravity beer.

The Original Gravities of the beers to be found at this event are listed below. This information can be helpful to customers, as to a large extent the alcoholic strength is dependant upon the OG of the brew. There is no requirement of either brewer or licensee to display this information and the unwary drinker may misjudge his consumption when sampling unfamiliar beverages. However, the fuller-bodied and generally sweeter high-gravity beers are not necessarily better than low-gravity ones and unrealistic comparisons should not be drawn. Personal preferences and regard to the prevailing circumstances should be the criterion. Remember CAMRA stands for choice.

## ADDENDUM

The Beer Festival Committee hope that all the beers and ciders mentioned in this guide will be available at all times and in prime condition. However, owing to the fact that we cannot totally anticipate the demands of our customers that we cannot control the heat and humidity in the Corn Exchange and that we have no control over the delivery of beers, some of which have come great distances, we reserve the right to serve only those beers that are available and suitable in the light of prevailing circumstances and conditions.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Beer Festival Committee of Suffolk CAMRA wish to pay tribute to the many people, including ordinary members of this and adjoining branches, who have helped to organise and staff this festival.

We would like to thank all the brewers for their excellent beers, logistic support and generosity in supplying display material, bar cloths, mats etc. May we also extend our gratitude to the following businesses and individuals who contributed to the successful running of this event.

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